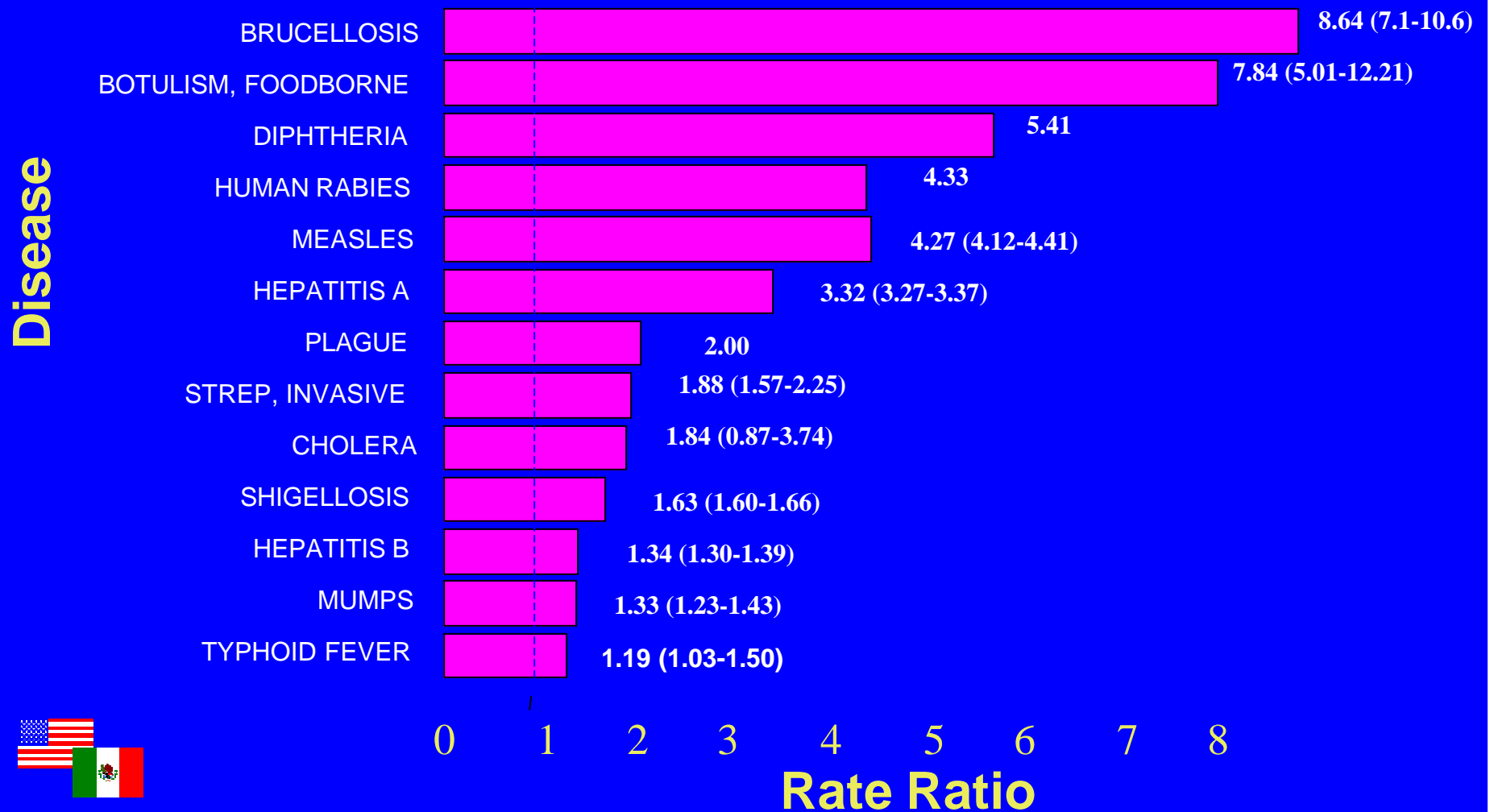


U.S.-Mexico Border



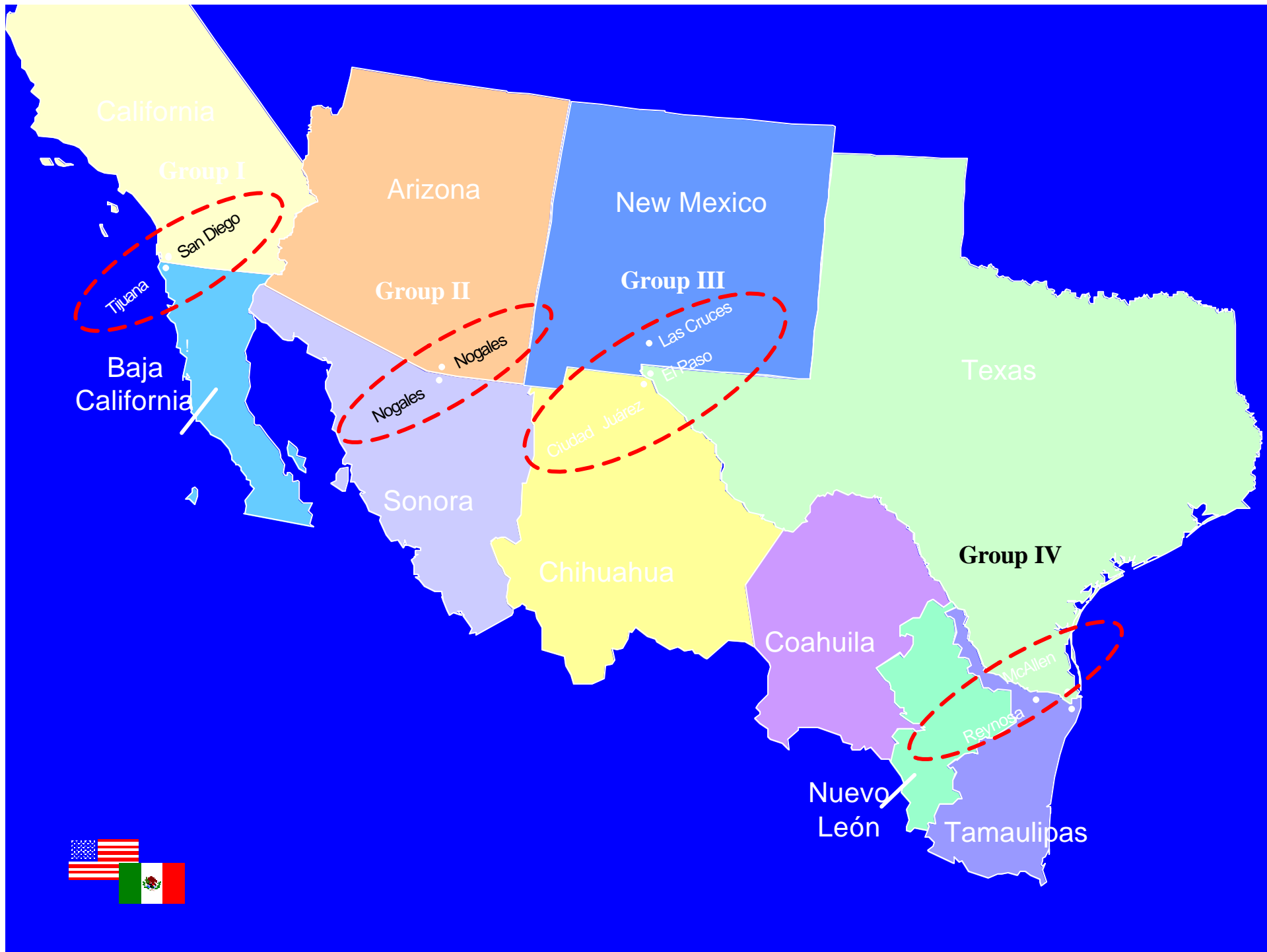
Rate Ratios, Border Region Versus National; 1990-98



BIDS: Bridging the Gap

- Conduct active, binational sentinel surveillance
- Develop strong epidemiology and laboratory border infrastructure
- Provide data for preventive strategies





Need for Binational Infectious Disease Surveillance for Bioterrorism Preparedness in the California-Mexico Border Region



Unannounced event



U.S. – Mexico Collaboration on Bioterrorism Preparedness

- Binational collaboration to improve infrastructure and coordination
 - Training
 - Laboratory
 - Emergency response
 - Communication and information systems



CDC Funding to California for Bioterrorism/Public health Preparedness

- \$60 million in 2002
- Focus areas
 - Planning
 - Surveillance and epidemiologic capacity
 - Laboratory capacity
 - Health Alert Network
 - Health Risk Communication
 - Education and Training



Binational Region Public Health/Bioterrorism Preparedness

– Key Issues

- Dedicated funding at the federal, state, and local levels
- Reduce barriers to sharing resources
- Coordinated planning effort
- Formal agreement for rapid information exchange
- Agreement for shared laboratory testing
- Communications infrastructure

